### PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT



MEETING DATE: February 23, 2005 ITEM No. \_\_\_\_\_ GOAL: Coordinate Planning to Balance Infrastructure

SUBJECT Sherman Right-of-Way Abandonment - 24-AB-2004

REQUEST Request to consider the following:

-Abandon 20 feet roadway right-of-way along Northern Avenue.
-Reserve an 8 foot wide public utility easement, a partial 10 foot wide equestrian easement and a 1 foot wide vehicular non-access easement.

#### **Related Policies, References:**

The original Santo Thomas Scottsdale II Subdivision was plated in 1977.

OWNER/APPLICANT

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LOCATION 8001 N 73rd Pl, at the northeast corner of 73<sup>rd</sup>

Place and Northern Avenue

# SCOTTSDALE RD N 72MD PL E HALL N 73RD PL N 74TH PL

#### BACKGROUND

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The 55.04-foot wide half street portion of Northern Avenue subject to a 20-foot right-of-way abandonment is recorded by instrument and shown in Book 191, Page 8, and was dedicated as part of the Santo Tomas Scottsdale II residential subdivision on July 1, 1977.

#### Zoning.

The site is zoned R1-35 (Residential) District. R1-35 zoning allows for single-family residential lots on parcels of 35,000 square feet or more.

#### Context.

This subdivision is located east of Scottsdale Road and north of McCormick Ranch Parkway. The surrounding property is zoned R1-35 to the north, south and east of the site and R1-10 (Santo Thomas Scottsdale I) residential subdivision is to the west, across 73<sup>rd</sup> Place.

# APPLICANT'S PROPOSAL

#### Goal/Purpose of Request.

This request is to reduce the existing 55-foot wide half-street right-of-way to 35 feet, along the site's Northern Avenue frontage, consistent with the City's roadway requirement for residential collector streets. The south half portion of the street is currently 33 feet wide. With the abandonment, the full right-of—way width for the street will be 68 feet, which exceeds the City residential collector road standard.

No additional road right-of-way dedication is required as a result of the abandonment and appropriate reservations for public utility, non-vehicular

access and an equestrian easement, will be maintained with the abandonment. These easement reservations include provision of an 8-foot wide public utility easement (PUE), a 1-foot wide vehicular non-access easement (VNE) and a portion of a 10-foot wide equestrian easement that extends north to south along the east boundary of the lot. No public utilities exist in the present PUE area that will be abandoned or within the Northern Avenue abandonment area. All public utility companies and City Departments have been contacted and expressed no objection to abandonment. A revised PUE area will be dedicated along the north side of the new road boundary if the placement of utilities is required in this area in the future. Both the VNE and equestrian easement will be will be modified accordingly to reflect the new Northern Avenue roadway.

#### Key Issues.

#### CITY IMPACT:

Northern Avenue is a developed 2-lane residential collector road, which will maintain its function and operate within the design standard for the street. Abandonment of 20 feet of right of way will leave sufficient width for the street to adequately function and will not adversely affect City interests in this area. Related easements will be adjusted accordingly preserve City and public utility requirements.

#### **NEIGHBORHOOD IMPACT:**

No adverse impact is foreseen on the neighborhood as a result from the abandonment. Five or six lots located east of the subject site have similar street width as the subject property, which may similarly be considered as being in excess to the design standards of the street. No adverse neighborhood comment has been received on this case.

#### PROPERTY OWNER IMPACT:

The property owner requesting the abandonment has existing access to the site from both Northern Avenue and 73<sup>rd</sup> Place. These accesses will not be affected by the abandonment. The additional 4,880 square feet resulting from the abandonment will be added to the present lot and maintained by the property owner.

#### **IMPACT ANALYSIS**

#### **Departmental Responses.**

City Department/Division participants concur with this abandonment request. See Department Issues Checklist (Attachment #1).

#### Traffic.

There are no traffic conflicts that result from the abandonment since the remaining the half street right-of-way width for the street will be 68 feet, which exceeds the City local collector road standard.

#### Open space, scenic corridors and public trails.

No open space areas or scenic corridors are affected by the abandonment. An existing 10 foot wide public equestrian easement extends northward from Northern Avenue along the properties east side and through the subdivision. The equestrian easement will be extended from the southward across the proposed abandonment area to connect with the new right-of-way. No other public trail easements exist or are shown on the Trails Master Plan, along Northern Avenue. (See Area Trails Plan, Attachment #5)

#### **Policy Implications.**

There are no GLO easements located in this area. The 20 foot wide area requested for abandonment is surplus to the design standard of the road. Lots located east of the subject site have similar widths for Northern Avenue and could be considered as being in excess to the design standards of the street. The only adverse implication is that right-of-ways widths will vary along the street, which could also affect required building setbacks. All properties along this portion of Northern Ave. are currently developed with a residence. No properties will be denied access as a result of the abandonment.

#### **Community Involvement.**

The applicant sent letters of notification for the proposed abandonment to 43 landowners and affected HOA's situated within 750 feet of the site on November 12, 2004. Notices were sent to the McCormick Ranch POA and Colonial Encantada HOA. The applicant received 2 letters and no phone calls in response to the notice. Both letters were in support of the abandonment. In addition, Staff has sent postcards of notice and posted the site. No public comment has been received on this case.

#### **Community Impact.**

Impact on the neighborhood will be minimal because the portion of Northern Avenue being abandoned is in excess of the required right-of-way for the street. Adequate right-of-way will remain to permit the operation for the design capacity of the street. No modifications to existing street surface or asphalt removal are required as a result of the abandonment. No utilities, drainage structures or easements other than those being modified accordingly by the abandonment, are affected by this case.

**STAFF** 

#### **Recommended Approach:**

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval.

RESPONSIBLE DEPT(S)

#### **Planning and Development Services Department**

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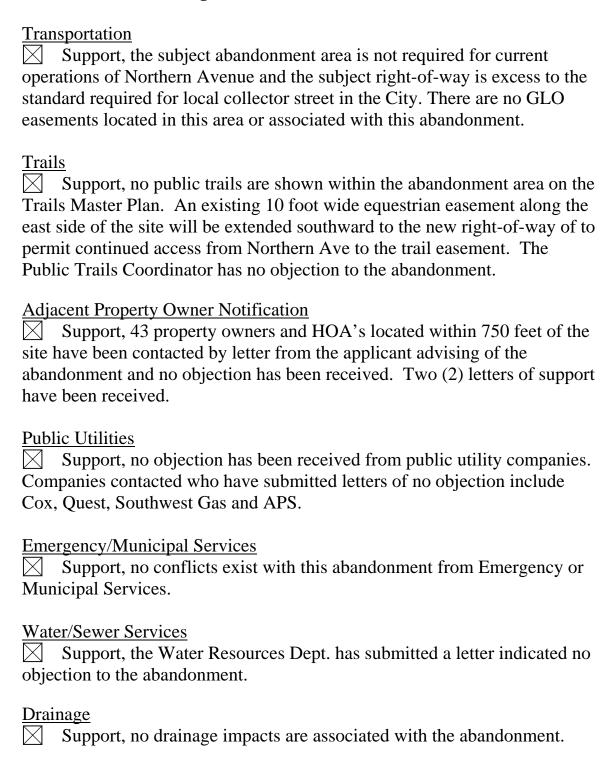
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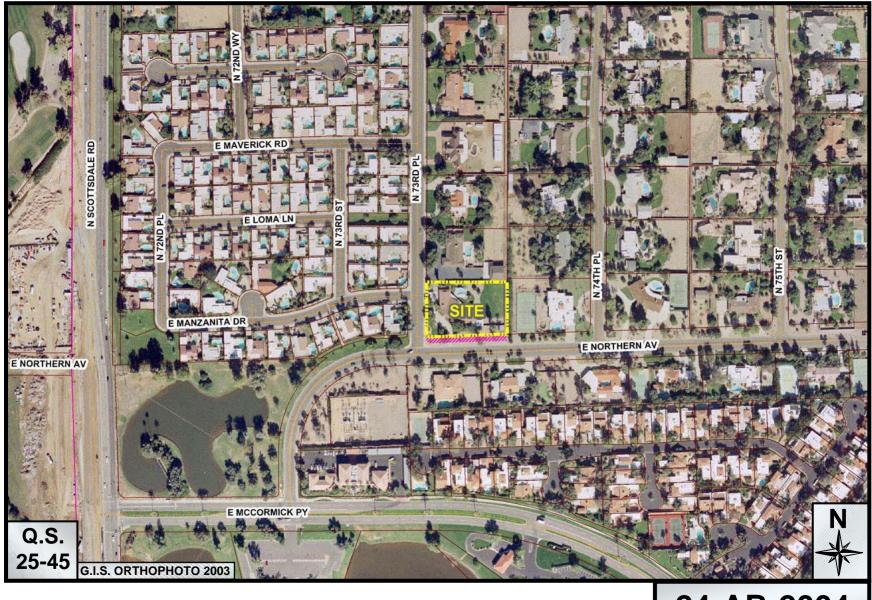
#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1. Departmental Checklist
- 2. Context Aerial
- 3. Detail Aerial
- 4. Right-of-Ways and Easements
- 5. Area Trails Plan
- 6. Abandonment Area
- 7. City Notification Map

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## **Department Issues Checklist**





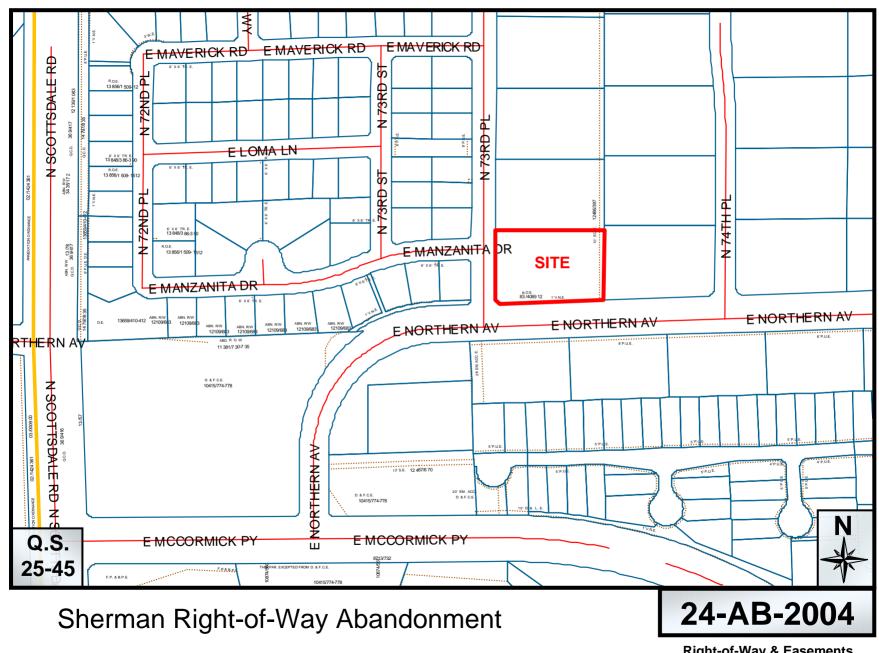
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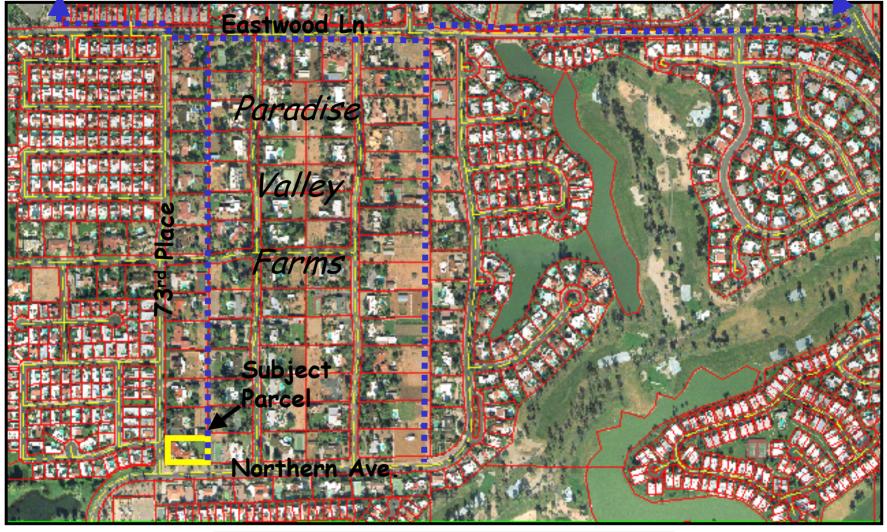
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Right-of-Way & Easements ATTACHMENT #4

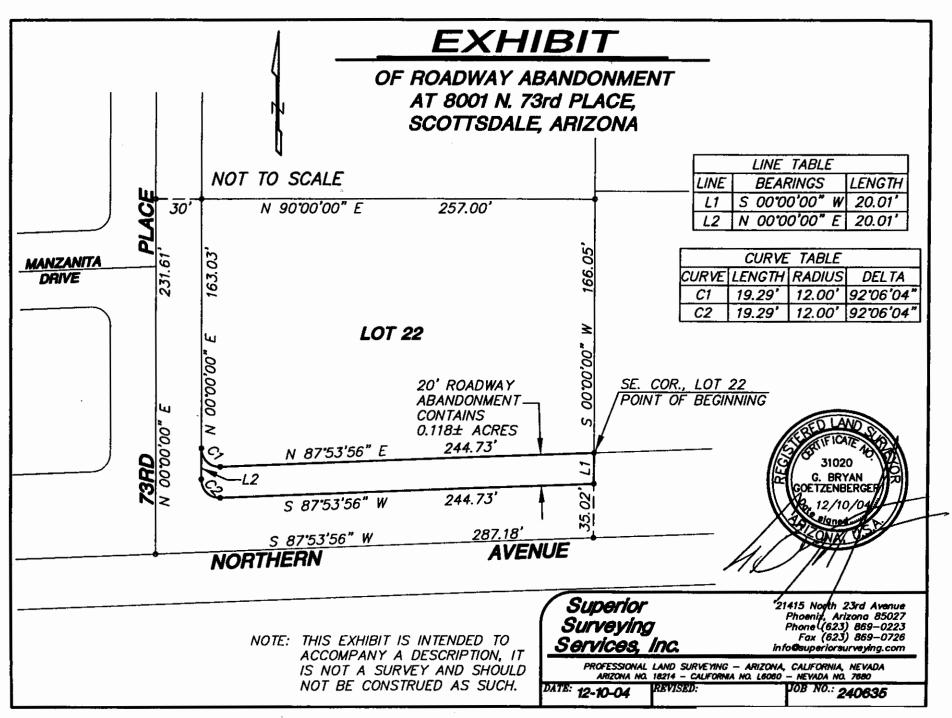
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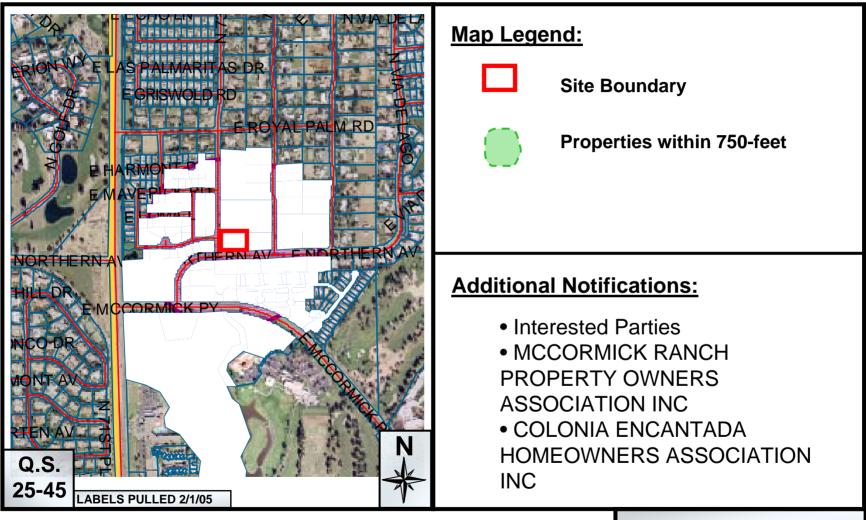
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## **City Notifications – Mailing List Selection Map**



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